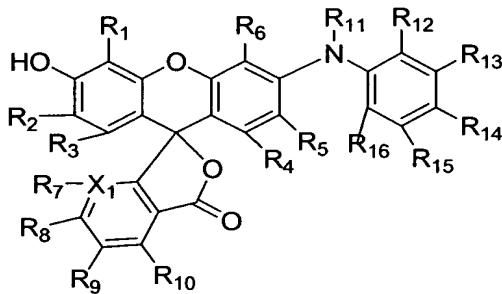


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 (currently amended). A compound represented by the formula



(I)

wherein:

R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>2</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R<sub>2</sub> is selected from the group consisting of alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R<sub>7</sub> is absent or selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>15</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> are each independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

R<sub>11</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, substituted oxygen and substituted nitrogen;

R<sub>12</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, alkenyl, substituted alkenyl, alkynyl, substituted alkynyl, heterocycloalkyl, substituted heterocycloalkyl, substituted carbonyl, acylamino, halogen, nitro, nitrilo, sulfonyl, aryl, substituted aryl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, oxygen, substituted oxygen, nitrogen, substituted nitrogen, sulfur and substituted sulfur;

or R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub> taken together represent the carbon atoms necessary to form a 5 or 6 membered substituted or unsubstituted heterocycloalkyl or heteroaryl group; and X<sub>1</sub> is carbon or nitrogen.

2 (original). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is an electron-withdrawing group, R<sub>11</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, and aryl, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub>, R<sub>10</sub> R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>15</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> are each hydrogen and X<sub>1</sub> is carbon.

3 (currently amended). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is ~~hydrogen or~~ alkyl, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> are each halogen, R<sub>11</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, alkyl, substituted alkyl, aryl and substituted aryl, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>12</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>15</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> are each hydrogen and X<sub>1</sub> is carbon.

4 (currently amended). A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R<sub>2</sub> is ~~hydrogen or~~ alkyl, R<sub>7</sub>, R<sub>8</sub>, R<sub>9</sub> and R<sub>10</sub> are each hydrogen or halogen, R<sub>1</sub>, R<sub>3</sub>, R<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>5</sub>, R<sub>6</sub>, R<sub>13</sub>, R<sub>14</sub>, R<sub>15</sub> and R<sub>16</sub> are each hydrogen, X<sub>1</sub> is carbon, and R<sub>11</sub> and R<sub>12</sub>, taken together, form a saturated ring.